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FROM: KRISTEN M. HARKER, M.S.E.D., CHES, VVFC DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF IMMUNIZATION
SUBJECT: ORDERING PROCESS FOR FREE VACCINE: IMPLEMENTING A CHANGE MAY 2007
DATE: APRIL 9, 2007
CC: JEFFREY LAKE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CDC Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project (VMBIP) - Background:

The National Immunization Program recently decided to improve vaccine management processes at the federal, state and local levels. As a result, the Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project (VMBIP) was developed. VMBIP aims to simplify the process for ordering, distributing and managing vaccines; reduce the lead time between ordering and delivery of vaccine; allow for direct delivery of vaccine to providers; and improve immunization coverage levels. Virginia plans to implement VMBIP on May 7, 2007. Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVFC) staff are working diligently to ensure the same level of service you have grown accustomed to.

What does this mean for me?

As of May 7, 2007, a new vaccine distributor, McKesson will be shipping your free vaccine, so the packaging for free non-direct ship vaccines will arrive in a different box. Packaging for free direct ship vaccines MMRV and Varicella will not change.

Below, you will find some of the upcoming *changes* you can expect:

- Free vaccine will no longer be ordered through WebVISION. VFC **Orders must be placed by mail or fax using the same form (attached) you currently use to order MMRV and Varicella vaccine.** The order form is also available for download at the following web address: http://vdhweb/imm/documents/order_form.pdf
- The deadline for ordering vaccine will be noon Thursdays for a ship date of the following Monday.
- Orders will be shipped on Mondays. However, provisions have been made to allow for emergency orders. These orders will be shipped on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Since McKesson is located in Tennessee, receipt of your orders may take a day or so longer.
- When your vaccine arrives, it will be packaged in a white insulated box coming from McKesson.
- Upon receipt of vaccine, local health departments must record confirmation in WebVISION through non-CP receipt the way you enter it for MMRV and Varicella vaccine.
- Chargeable vaccine orders will continue to be submitted to central pharmacy using WebVISION.



What should I do if I have questions or encounter problems with vaccine shipment?

If you have questions about VMBIP, contact your VVFC consultant or the central office. Additionally, if you encounter problems with shipment of vaccine, your VVFC order center is available to assist at 877-781-VVFC (8832) or 804-864-8055.

IMPORTANT!

In order to make sure you receive your vaccine orders we have formatted shipping instructions for your facility according to McKesson requirements. Please verify that you are available to receive shipments on the days noted by the "**Open Days**" column in the attached spreadsheet for your facility. And please verify that you are available to receive shipments during the hours noted for those days as noted in "**Open Hours and/or Notes**" column for your facility.

The shipping instructions are limited to 50 characters, so facilities with inconsistent open hours were structured to fit that requirement. If there are no open hours indicated it is assumed you are open from 9 to 5. If you need to make a change to the shipping information above, please call 877-781-VVFC (8832) or 804-864-8055 **IMMEDIATELY**.